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TO: All Interested Parties

TOPIC: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED AIRBORNE TOXIC CONTROL MEASURE TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY IDLING FROM IN-USE HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL ON-ROAD VEHICLES

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss and provide input on a proposed airborne toxic control measure (ATCM) to limit unnecessary idling from in-use heavy-duty diesel on-road vehicles. The public workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE: January 29, 2004

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Central Valley Auditorium, 2nd floor
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

ARB is authorized by the California Health and Safety Code, Division 26 (Air Resources), to adopt regulations to protect public health and the environment through the reduction of toxic air contaminants (TACs) and other air pollutants with adverse health effects.

There are over 350,000 heavy-duty vehicles currently operating in California. Idling emissions from these engines have the potential for adverse health effects on the public and negative impacts on the environment.

The staff are proposing to present to the Board in May 2004 an Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) to Limit Unnecessary Idling from In-use Heavy-duty Diesel On-road vehicles. Staff, at this public workshop, will discuss the scope of the ATCM, potential exemptions to the ATCM, and future outreach activities. The workshop agenda is attached for your convenience, and is also available on the internet at the following Internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/idling/idlingoutreach/agenda1.pdf>.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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As a result of ARB's continuing effort to increase accessibility and public participation, the public workshop will also be broadcast on the Internet. By accessing the program web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/idling/idling.htm>, interested parties will be able to monitor the meetings and submit comments or questions via email.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Sue Wyman at (916) 445-9477 or via email at swyman@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible.
TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

If you have questions about the public workshop or future outreach activities, please contact Ms. Merrin Bueto at (916) 327-5598 or via email at mbueto@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/
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Attachment

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